

Gear Up Idaho

Emmett School District

Gaining Early Awareness and
Readiness for Undergraduate
Programs

Gear Up Mission

- The goal of Gear Up Idaho is to provide **comprehensive early intervention** services for Junior High students in cooperation with their parents to help prepare for and succeed in high school and post-secondary education.
- The Mission of Gear Up Idaho is to **inspire students to become active in their educational experience** and to ensure they are academically prepared for advancement to post-secondary education.

What is Gear Up Idaho

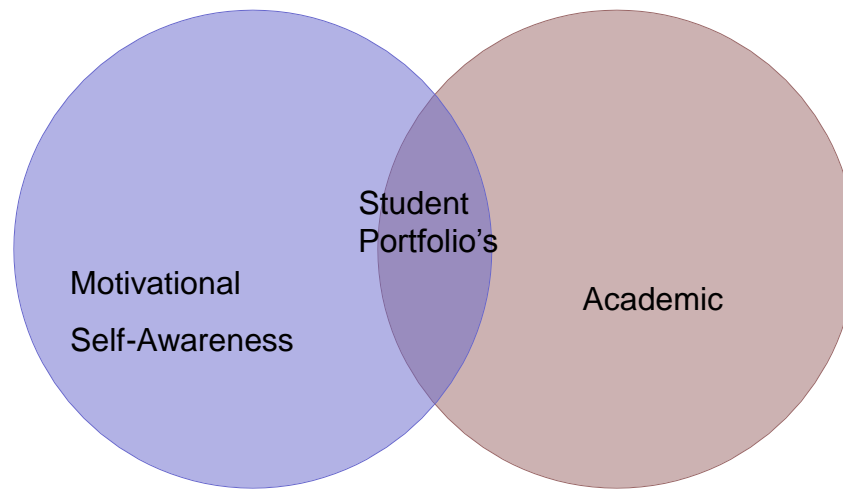
- It is now a five year grant that follows three classes through the completion of High School – 6th, 7th, and 8th
- Program should have a plan to be self sustaining
- Grant provides academic, motivational, and self-awareness opportunities to students enrolled in the program
- Continued participation in Gear Up ends with scholarship money

Program Goal

- Increase the academic performance of students
- Increase post-secondary preparation
- Increase graduation rates and post-secondary attendance rates
- Increase the ability to plan for the future and set goals and accomplish goals
- Increase the knowledge of post-secondary education options, preparation, and financing
- Increase family involvement in school
- Note: Tracking and measurement of these goals will be discussed

Gear Up Program Plan

- Program plan includes details on what each site plans to implement in order to achieve the Gear Up mission and goals



Steps to building the program plan

- Research Gear Up related programs
- Research Emmett Junior High related programs
- Gap Analysis
- Suggest program ideas
- Obtain Teacher, Student, Parent, Counselor, Administrator, Community Feedback
- Plan, Implement, Support Program

Program Details

- Academics

- Enhance 8th Period After-School Tutoring Program
- Private Tutoring Sessions available in AM
- ACT Explore Test – 2-3 hr test to 8th graders in Jan-Feb
- Student Resources – Plato, ACT test series, ACT Prep
- Cover expense related to testing, test prep, and dual enrollment credit costs

- Motivational & Self-Awareness

- CIS Dependable Strengths
- Guest Speakers / Luncheons / Presentations
- Site Visits – 4 locations (1 bus per location)
- Job Shadowing / Mentoring
- Family Nights – i.e. program intro, portfolio review, career / college topics, how to pay for college workshop, scholarship topics

Continued, Program Details

- Student Portfolio's – Pulling it together
 - Enhance current student portfolio's to include more data – ACT scores, Grades / Transcripts, Class list, Dependable Strength exercises, Goal Setting worksheets
 - Student directed parent conferences – “becoming active in their educational experience.”
- Data Tracking
 - Program in School Master
 - External database that tracks specified data and participation in activities
 - Web site space for links and other related data

5 Year Gear Up Matrix

After School Tutoring Program	x	x	x	x	x	x
Skills Lab*	x	x	x	x	x	x
Plato*	x	x	x	x	x	x
Private Tutoring / Mentoring	x	x				
ACT Testing Series – Explore, Plan, ACT		x		x		x
ACT Prep Class					x	
Scholarship Program for Dual Enrollment				x	x	x
Portfolio	x	x	x	x	x	x
My Life Project	x					
Starfish Coalition*	x	x				
Grades	7	8	9	10	11	12

5 Year Gear Up Matrix, cont.

Senior Project						X
CIS	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dependable Strengths		X		X		
Guest Speakers	X	X	X	X	X	X
Know How 2 Go Presentation	X					
College Site Visit		X		X		
Themed Family Night / Workshops	X	X	X	X	X	X
Summer Program	X	X				
Summer School*	X	X	X	X	X	X
Grades	7	8	9	10	11	12

What Next

- Complete the program plan and submit it by Oct 19th
- Fund CIS Dependable Strengths Module
- Attend training and conferences
- Plan and staff eighth period program
- Communicate to parents and students
- Road show – TEACHERS, School Board, Starfish, Rec Center, Chamber, County / City
- Form a team of volunteers – JH Staff, Retired Teachers, HS Students, Parents, Community Organizations

What I need from you

- Integrate Gear-up programs into the classroom
- Support and patience with activities
- A little class time for presentations or activities
 - let me know about planned vacations - I would love to sub and do a Gear up day.
- Refer students to 8th Period Program
- Give me idea's or opportunities that have not been funded in the past that have relevance to academic achievement or post-secondary ed

More Information

- www.gearupidaho.idaho.gov
- www.nwrel.org
- www.k12.wa.us/navigation101/curriculum.aspx
- www.act.org/explore
- www.Knowhow2go.org
- <http://cis.idaho.gov/>
- <http://www.oit.edu/precollege>